

Status of Women in Rock County

Basic Demographics

	White	African American	Hispanic any race	Native American	Asian American
Women in the Population, 2000	91%	4.50%	1.90%	0.43%	0.94%
Female Median Age, 2000	38.4	27	20.5	34.8	37.1

	Rock County	Wisconsin	United States
Percent of Women with a Disability, 2000	15.81%	14.10%	18.20%
Percent of Family Households with Children that are Single-Mother Households, 2000	21.03%	19.28%	22.56%

Employment & Earnings

Median Annual Earnings (full-time, year-round), 1999	\$25,646	\$25,865	\$27,194
Earnings Ratio (Wage Gap) for Full-time Full-year Work in 1999 - ALL WOMEN	65.50%	68.60%	n/a
Earnings Ratio (Wage Gap) for Full-time Full-year Work in 1999 - WHITE WOMEN	73.80%	69.10%	n/a
Percent of Women in the Labor Force	63.80%	64.10%	57.50%
Percent of Women in Managerial and Professional Occupations	29.50%	33.80%	36.20%

Social & Economic Autonomy

Percent of Women, age 25 and older, with a College Education (four-year degree or higher), 2000	16.59%	21.70%	22.80%
Percent of Women, age 25 and older, with Less Than a High School Diploma, 2000	11.12%	14.40%	19.30%
Percent of Women, age 16 and older, at or above Poverty Level, 1999	92.10%	90.90%	87.40%
Percent of Single-Mother Families Living Below the Poverty Line, 1999	21.42%	28%	34%

Health & Well-Being

Female Heart Disease Mortality, rate per 100,000 (2000-2002)	178.50	176.70	203.40
Female Lung Cancer Mortality, rate per 100,000 (2000-2002)	53.0	37.7	41.3
Female Breast Cancer Mortality, rate per 100,000 (2000-2002)	32.1	25.2	26.1
Percent of Mothers Beginning Care in the First Trimester of Pregnancy (2000-2005)	87%	85%	n/a
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies (Less than 5 lbs 8 oz) (2000-2005)	7.40%	6.80%	n/a
Infant Mortality (deaths of infants un the age of one year per 1,000 live births) (2000-2005)	5.6	6.6	n/a

Political Participation

Percent School Board Seats held by Women	32%	37%	n/a
Percent Village Trustees held by Women	19%	21%	n/a
Percent City Council Seats held by Women	11%	20%	n/a
Percent Constitutional Offices held by Women	29%	56%	n/a
Percent County Board Seats held by Women	32%	19%	n/a

Notes: n/a = not available

Hispanics may be of any race or two races or more races. Other racial categories (White, African American, Asian American, Native American) do not include Hispanics.

For most topics covered in this report, Census 2000 data based on years 1999 and 2000 are the most current data available.

ABOUT THIS REPORT

This report was developed as a companion to the Status of Women in Wisconsin Report (2004), this report provides information about women in Rock County relative to women statewide in Wisconsin and compared to each other by major racial and ethnic groups. This report is designed to serve as a resource to the public, elected representatives and other community advocates to better understand and develop policy solutions to advance the status of women locally. It also offers a new baseline for measuring and continuing to monitor women's progress in Rock County.

The Women's Fund of the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin was established in 2003 to be a perpetual source of local support for women and girls. The Women's Fund Advisory Committee is charged with the tasks of raising endowment dollars and awarding meaningful grants to nonprofit organizations offering programming essential to the changing needs of women and girls.

A committed Task Force of the Women's Fund completed the research for this report with the assistance of Christine Lidbury, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Women's Council. The Final Report is written with the assistance of Professor Andrea Lukowiak of UW-Rock County and will be available in March 30, 2007.

The Women's Council is Wisconsin's statutory commission on the status of women and girls. With a bi-partisan governing board appointed by the Governor and Legislative Leaders, the Women's Council works to identify barriers that prevent women in Wisconsin from participating fully and equally in all aspects of life, and works closely with public, private and not-for-profit groups to develop long term solutions to those inequities. The Women's Council is an independent state government agency.
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